

Clerk's Office  
**Village of Westmont**

MINUTES OF THE HYBRID VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, July 30, 2020.**

**Mayor Gunter** called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

**WESTMONT VIRTUAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gunter P Clerk Szymski P

**TRUSTEES:** Barker P Barry P  
Guzzo P Liddle P  
Nero P

**STAFF:**

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| <b>May</b> <u>P</u><br>(Village Mgr)            | <b>Parker</b> <u>P</u><br>(Finance Director)            | <b>Sylvester</b> <u>A</u><br>(Community Dev. Director)   |
| <b>Brainerd</b> <u>P</u><br>(HR Director)       | <b>McIntyre</b> <u>P</u><br>(Communications Director)   | <b>Liljeberg</b> <u>P</u><br>(I.T. Manager)              |
| <b>Chief Gunther</b> <u>P</u><br>(Police Dept.) | <b>Dep Chief Thompson</b> <u>A</u><br>(Police Dept.)    | <b>Dep Chief Gruen</b> <u>A</u><br>(Police Dept.)        |
| <b>Chief Riley</b> <u>P</u><br>(Fire Dept.)     | <b>Olsson</b> <u>A</u><br>(Assistant Finance Director)) | <b>Richards</b> <u>A</u><br>(Deputy Clerk)               |
| <b>Ramsey</b> <u>A</u><br>(P.W. Director)       | <b>Mielcarski</b> <u>P</u><br>(Management Analyst)      | <b>Mulhearn</b> <u>A</u><br>(Deputy Liquor Commissioner) |

**ATTORNEY:** Zemenak P Carrara A

**A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.**

**PRESS:**

Bugle A

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR:** Forssberg - P

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS WAIVED.**

Mayor Gunter talked about the hybrid meetings. Village hall is now open to the public, so if someone wishes for a public comment to be made they can do so in person if they wish.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Manager May reported that there are no submitted comments.

**VOTING KEY:**      **A=ABSENT**      **AB=ABSTAIN**      **N=NO**      **W=Withdrawn**  
                         **P=PRESENT**      **Y=YES**      **R=RECUSE**

**Note:** *The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor's, Manager's, Clerk's and Trustees' comments. For actual quotes of the referenced items please refer to the Archival video copy of this meeting.*

**VOTING SUMMARY**

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| TRUSTEE BARKER | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE BARRY  | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE GUZZO  | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE LIDDLE | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |
| TRUSTEE NERO   | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |

**Remembering Trustee Jim Addington**

Mayor Gunter announced that Trustee Jim Addington passed away last week.

Mayor Gunter said that Jim was one of his closest friends in town. He valued family, loved Westmont, and the Lions Club. He also loved Westmont H.S. Basketball. We are all going to miss him. There will be a memorial at Lions Park.

Clerk Szymski talked about Rotary and the Lions Club working together. She shared a story about how their two organizations, Lions and Rotary, worked together. Jim wanted to work with Rotary for the Red, White, & BBQ together. He was always very generous and cared about the community.

Trustee Barry said that Trustee Addington encouraged him to run and they campaigned together. He was a very good mentor.

Trustee Barker offered condolences to the Addington family. He talked about the poster contest and how much love he had for the community and for the kids. He was a great example of community pride. There were many people that had a lot of love and respect for him.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo offered condolences to the Addington family. Jim appointed Marie to the Planning and Zoning Commission. She remembers how excited she was to be involved and will always be grateful to him for that. Thanked Jim and he will be missed.

Trustee Liddle talked about how much love and knowledge Jim had of Westmont. She told a story about how Jim asked her to be a judge for the barbeque competition. He told her of how Ty Warner Park came to be and that was a real treat. He will be very much missed around town.

Trustee Nero talked about how Westmont lost a best friend. Trustee Nero said that he was a personal friend and mentor to him. He was very politically savvy and always had a plan in place. It was never about him, it was about how he could help. He had a big impact on the community and he will be missed.

## **REPORTS**

### **Mayor Gunter**

- Called upon Fire Chief Riley to give an update on COVID-19.
  - Chief Riley talked about the uptick in COVID-19 cases. There have been 508 deaths in DuPage County and 404 have been in long term care facilities. We need to continue to social distance and wear our masks. We want to get the number of cases down.

### **Village Clerk Szymski**

- The garage sales are now allowed and permits are not required this year.
- The Community Wide Garage Sale will be August 7, 8, 9 and you can sign up on the Village website. There is no fee or permit necessary to participate.

### **Trustee Nero**

- The next Public Works Committee meeting will be September 24th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- The new public works building is 77% complete. All of the garage doors have been installed and the elevators are going in next week.
- Gave an update on the 61st & Richmond detention basin rehabilitation project that will start on Monday, August 3rd. It is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- The Ogden Avenue median project is expected to start this coming Monday.
- The Alley C project, which is between Norfolk & Naperville will also begin this Monday.

### **Trustee Liddle**

- The Administration / Finance Committee will meet August 13th at 4:30pm at Village Hall.
- Cruisin' Nights for August has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

### **Trustee Johanik-Guzzo**

- The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27th at 4:30pm.
- The annual Fire Prevention Open House has been cancelled this year.
- The Fire Department will be hosting an open house virtually. More information will be announced soon.

### **Trustee Barker**

- Good news is that the Environmental Improvement Committee will meet August 3rd and it will be at Village Hall at 6pm. It is a small group, so we can socially distance.
  - We are excited to look into activities that may be able to take place, such as pumpkin composting.
- Westmont First worked on Hope for a Day posters. The Library had a presentation and it is now available on the Library website. The slogan is "It's OK to not be OK". There are many good tips and resources. Reach out and get help if you need it.
- The Census is still ongoing. We are at about 70% and you can fill out your information online.

### **Trustee Barry**

- The August EDC meeting has been cancelled.

- We are working on the small business retail grant program. This program launched Tuesday, July 7th and it has earmarked \$50,000 to provide funds to eligible Westmont businesses that have suffered economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Awarded grant funds will pay up to 50% of municipal sales tax allocated from the business up to a maximum award of \$2,000 per eligible sales tax location. For further details and to apply, visit [www.choswestmont.com](http://www.choswestmont.com)
  - We are looking to change some of the parameters so that more businesses can take advantage of the grant program.
- We had a special meeting last week regarding Nature's Best with the parking lot. We look forward to that in the future. Nature's Best is looking to add more parking to ultimately accommodate customers and staff.
- There will be variance requests for several projects discussed at the PZC meeting for the following addresses:
  - One North Cass
  - 526 North Park
  - 126 Scott Court
  - 41 N Cass Ave
- There are many exciting projects under construction such as, Quincy Station, LA Fitness, the "mystery grocer", the Starbucks anchored multi-tenant building, the medical office project at 303 W Ogden, the FMC Natatorium at TY Warner Park, Cass Avenue Dream Homes, Phase 2, and many other residential projects!

**ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:**

No items to be removed from the consent agenda.

**(1) CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

**(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held July 16, 2020.

**(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE #6:** Dated **July 16, 2020** in the amount of **\$748,616.56.**

**(C) PURCHASE ORDERS**

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| 21200380 | Engineering Enterprises | \$50,000.00 |
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**(D) TOTAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS & FINANCE ORDINANCE : \$798,616.56**

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #1**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero,  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(2) HONORARY STREET NAME REQUEST**

**Mayor Gunter** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a resolution for an honorary street designation. (James Addington Place)

Seconded by **Trustee Barry** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #2**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Nero, Liddle  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**(3) FRANCHISE AGREEMENT - COMCAST**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a franchise agreement between the Village of Westmont and Comcast.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #3**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**(4) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT VILLAGE OF ADDISON - WESTMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Village Manager May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Addison / Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center and the Village of Westmont Fire Department.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #4**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**(5) INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT VILLAGE OF ADDISON - WESTMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Village Manger May** addressed the Board on this item.

Motion made by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Addison / Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center and the Village of Westmont Police Department.

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #5**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- None.

**(6) ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

**VOTE ON MOTION #8**

Ayes: Barker, Barry, Guzzo, Liddle, Nero

Nays: None

Absent: None

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**



## **Village Clerk's Office**

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Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 13th day of August, 2020